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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As part of the accompanying request for filing of a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1), before calculating the filing fee and preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 3-5, 7-12, 18-23 and 26-34.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the amendments to the Specification as indicated below: